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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 01606

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, ICRC, GV

SUBJECT: ICRC VISIT TO GUINEA

REF: A. STATE 13706; B. CONAKRY 047; C. CONAKRY 102

1. AT FUNDING MEETING FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN ICRC APPEAL FEBRUARY 2, ICRC DELEGATE GENERAL FOR AFRICA, FRANK SCHMIDT TOLD HA COUNSELOR ICRC HEADQUARTERS HAD RECEIVED FROM SWISS FOREIGN OFFICE JANUARY 31 GUINEAN RESPONSE TO ITS BID TO VISIT GUINEA. REPLY IS AS GIVEN IN PARA 1, REF B.

2. SCHMIDT STATED THAT DUE TO PRESSURE OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND SCHEDULED TRIPS, ICRC WILL BE UNABLE TO ACTUALLY PROCEED TO GUINEA BEFORE "A MONTH OR TWO". SCHMIDT'S PRESENT PLAN IS TO PROCEED TO CONAKRY HIMSELF, PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DEPUTY, CHAPPAUIS. HOWEVER, SCHMIDT SAID, ICRC WOULD BE SENDING REPLY TO GOG IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, ACCEPTING INVITATION AND SUGGESTING PROPOSED DATES FOR VISIT.

3. SETTING OF CONVERSATION DID NOT AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL WITH SCHMIDT ICRC PLAN OF APPROACH IN GUINEA. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION.  
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TION AND REPORT.

4. COUNSELOR COMMENTED TO SCHMIDT ON INORDINATE LENGTH OF TIME FOR EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS. SCHMIDT INDICATED THIS WAS NOT UNUSUAL WHEN MESSAGES PASSED THROUGH SWISS FOREIGN OFFICE AND MISSIONS ABROAD. COUNSELOR TOLD SCHMIDT THAT WHILE WE DID NOT, OF COURSE, WISH TO INSERT

OURSELVES INTO SITUATION IN ANY WAY, WE ARE INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER, AS HE IS AWARE THROUGH RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR LOEB, AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT IN THE PICTURE. SCHMIDT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD KEEP US CURRENTLY INFORMED OF EVENTS IN THIS CONNECTION. COUNSELOR TOLD HIM WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE IN THIS REGARD.  
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